

FLOOR SCHEDULE FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2017

HOUSE MEETS AT:	FIRST VOTE PREDICTED:	LAST VOTE PREDICTED:
10:00 a.m.: Morning Hour 12:00 p.m.: Legislative Business Fifteen "One Minutes"	1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

H.Res. 415 – Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3004 – Kate’s Law (Rep. Goodlatte – Judiciary) (One hour of debate). The Rules Committee has recommended a closed Rule that provides for one hour of general debate equally divided between the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The Rule allows one motion to recommit and waives all points of order against the legislation. **Members are urged to VOTE NO.**

Complete Consideration of H.R. 3003 – No Sanctuary for Criminals Act (Rep. Goodlatte – Judiciary) (One hour of debate). The No Sanctuary for Criminals Act would effectively coerce states and localities to engage in Federal immigration enforcement. Among other things, it would permit the Departments of Justice (DOJ) and Homeland Security (DHS) to withhold critical law enforcement and terrorism funding from jurisdictions that strictly define how their police work with federal immigration agencies, including how they deal with DHS detainers or “immigration holds.” DHS detainers are written requests made to local law enforcement agencies asking that an individual be held (up to ninety-six hours in the bill) after his or her release date in order to provide DHS agents extra time to decide whether to take the individual into federal custody for removal purposes.

Under H.R. 3003 , cities and states would risk losing federal law enforcement grants, like the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) and the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grants, if they do not comply with potentially unconstitutional and illegal DHS detainer requests.

This legislation would also violate our federal system of government by making it easier for the federal government to interfere in how state and local authorities handle criminal prosecutions within their jurisdictions. H.R. 3003 would empower DHS to ignore validly issued state or local criminal warrants and even allow federal authorities to refuse to transfer individuals to state or local custody if that entity refuses to comply with the illegal and unconstitutional detainment.

This dangerous legislation expands executive authority, legislates unconstitutional actions, and tramples on our federal system. For years we have heard Republicans advocate for states’ rights and fight executive overreach, but H.R. 3003 diminishes the power of state and local jurisdictions while expanding executive authority. **Members are urged to VOTE NO.**

Bill Text for H.R. 3003:
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H.R. 3004 – Kate’s Law (Rep. Goodlatte – Judiciary) (One hour of debate). Kate’s Law claims to be a legislative solution that would prevent tragedies like the July 2015 death of Kathryn Steinle who was murdered in San Francisco by an undocumented immigrant. In fact, had H.R. 3004 been law in 2015, it would not have prevented this senseless tragedy. It is a bill that appeals to the most right-wing, anti-immigrant base of the Republican party that supports exclusion and opposes one of the founding principles of our nation.

H.R. 3004 expands criminal sentences for the crimes of illegal reentry and attempted reentry, including for individuals with no criminal history.

H.R. 3004 expands the population of people who would be subject to criminal prosecution for such crimes, including individuals who seek to apply for asylum and surrender themselves at the border. The bill even subjects certain individuals to criminal prosecution despite their having permission to reenter the United States (although it makes such permission an affirmative defense at trial).

H.R. 3004 would also expand current sentencing enhancements by allowing imprisonment for up to ten years for individuals with felony convictions or three or more misdemeanor convictions. Misdemeanors that could subject a defendant to a ten year prison sentence include driving without a license or loitering.



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In short, H.R. 3004 proposes to impose harsher penalties on individuals who are driven to flee to the United States because their lives are in danger in their home countries or because they want to reunify with their U.S. citizen children.

If House Republicans were really serious about strengthening border enforcement and ensuring that individuals seeking entry into the U.S. are law-abiding, they would work with House Democrats to pass comprehensive immigration reform that boosts economic growth, reduces the deficit, strengthens our national security by improving border protection, and establishes a more effective system for integrating those who aspire to work lawfully in the United States or become American citizens. Unfortunately, Democratic calls for bipartisan solutions to fix our immigration system have gone unanswered. **Members are urged to VOTE NO.**

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The Daily Quote

"Five months into Donald Trump's presidency, Hill Republicans are still struggling to make good on a host of their campaign promises because they're warring with each other over the policy specifics. As the House and Senate prepare to depart Thursday for a weeklong July 4 recess, they face a daunting to-do list upon their return... For many, the unchecked boxes are starting to be too much. 'We'd better get our act together,' said a frustrated Rep. Steve Womack (R-Ark.), who sits on the House budget and appropriations committees. 'We're better than this... We're not governing right now. We're stuck.'"

- Politico, 6/29/2017